

Altoona Life

March
April
2009

Providing a healthy dose of Altoona Attitude!

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FIRST ALTOONA LEADERSHIP PROGRAM COMPLETED



2008 Altoona Leadership Program Graduates: left to right, back row: Brant Anderson, Jeff Nolin, Chris Pudenz, Andrew McGrean, Jill Pudenz, Kate Sand, Mattia Hansen, Ann Moyna, Steve Moyna, Stacey Ward, Mayor Tim Burget. front row: Bob Hall, Lyndsay Tully, Tina Mowry-Hadden, Mary Simon, Wendy Todd and Chris Lynn

In the Fall of 2008, the city provided a new leadership training program geared toward residents and business leaders in Altoona wanting to learn more about how the city functions, as well as learn where individual leadership skills can be put to work. The graduates pictured above may use their new knowledge and skills to coordinate neighborhood activities, guide school processes through existing PTAs or boards, run for City Council, serve on city boards or commissions, or provide assistance in various service organizations and/or churches.

The program began August 28th and completed December 4, with graduation at the December 15th council meeting. Classes were held every two weeks for eight sessions. Students were expected to give 10 hours per month to the program (this included class time and some out-of-class assignments). The sessions topics were: The Big Picture, Government 101, City Safety and Services, Creating Special Places, A Place to Call Home, Altoona's Economic Development, Service Organizations, and Go Forth and Lead. The class is expected to complete a community service project.

The Altoona Leadership Class will have a community event marking the end of Bike to Work Week on May 16th for the unveiling of their class project. This event will include food, music, bike riding events, and much more. Further details will follow in the next newsletter.

The Council anticipates the next Altoona Leadership Class will take place in the fall.

Altoona Attitude — It's positively contagious!

www.altoona-iowa.com

ALTOONA CITY REMINDERS



Please call Cindy
at 515-967-5136 for
shelter reservations.

Lion's Park — ½ day rates

\$75 – residents
\$125 – non-residents
\$100 – deposit for residents and non-residents

Lion's Park — full day

\$150 – residents
\$250 – non-residents
\$100 – deposit for residents and non-residents

Haines Shelter

\$35 – residents
\$45 – non-residents
\$35 – deposit for residents
\$45 – deposit for non-residents

Haines' Stage

\$25 – residents
\$35 – non-residents
\$25 – deposit for residents
\$35 – deposit for non-residents

Haines' Gazebo

\$50 – residents
\$60 – non-residents
\$50 – deposit for residents
\$60 – deposit for non-residents

Village Park Shelter

\$35 – residents
\$45 – non-residents
\$35 – deposit for residents
\$45 – deposit for non-residents

COMMUNITY WELLNESS PROGRAMS

hosted by the Campus

March — Nutrition Month

Join us in the youth room on Thursday, March 12, 2009 from 6-7 p.m. for a seminar on nutrition, *strengthening body, mind, community* Eating on the Run. The goal of this workshop is to help you make the best decisions you can when it comes to maintaining a healthy diet while juggling your life (work, kids, activities, etc.!) Please register at the front desk by March 9. Space is limited!



April — Cancer Control Month

We will be providing you with resources to help educate you on the early detection/prevention of cancer. Education is the key to prevention!

American Red Cross Certification Classes

ADULT CPR/AED

In this course, you will learn how to follow the emergency action steps and learn how to recognize and care for victims with breathing and heart emergencies. You will also learn the skills necessary to perform CPR and how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED) for adult victims of sudden cardiac arrest.

Tuesday, March 24, 2009. From 5:30-9:00 p.m. Cost : \$25

FIRST AID

In this course, you will learn first aid skills, such as determining unconsciousness, treating cuts, scrapes, and burns, controlling bleeding, treating injuries to bones, muscles, and joints, and preventing and caring for sudden illness, including heat and cold-related emergencies.

Wednesday, April 22, 2009. From 5:30-9:00 p.m. Cost : \$25

Daylight Savings Time Begins - Sunday, March 8th at 2:00am

Take this time to replace the batteries in
your smoke detectors.



with the Altoona's Master Gardeners on Saturday, April 25 at 10:00am. The event will take place at Altoona Enabling Gardens located behind Hy-Vee. For more information you may contact: Polk County Extension, 1625 Adventureland Dr. Ste. A, Altoona at 515-967-5761, mfarlow@iastate.edu or Paula Winslow at peaceinthegarden@aol.com

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



Kris Penquite is the City of Altoona's "Employee of the Year." She has been with the city for 10 years. Kris has an Associate Degree in Business Administration and a Bachelor Degree in Management. She worked in various business fields before coming to the City of Altoona in 1999, and has been in her current position for almost four years.

Kris has worked in the finance office her entire 10 years. She wears many hats including: health insurance and benefits coordinator, purchasing clerk, computer trouble-shooter, and party planner and, most importantly, **payroll clerk**. Kris makes sure that the city gets the best possible deal on any equipment purchased whether the item is a paperclip or a new computer. Kris is a very dedicated employee and always gives the city her very best effort.

Kris has been married for 18 years and has three daughters ages 8, 11, and 13. She spends her free time watching basketball, soccer, and dance for her daughters. Her interests are sports, shopping and family time! **Congratulations,**

2 Kris and thank you for your dedication and hard work!

something old...something new

Snow Ordinance & Snow Removal Responsibilities continue...



We hope to see the end of winter before March but we tend to see a little bit of snow and ice stick around. Please remember that the snow ordinance remains in effect for these late winter/early spring storms.



Metro Waste Authority
No Wasted Resources

Single Stream Recycling - begins July 1st

Metro Waste Authority is taking orders now through March for the new rolling recycling carts that will be distributed this spring in Altoona. Each residential household will automatically receive a 96-gallon cart beginning in April with automated pick-up beginning July 1. The 96-gallon cart is recommended because all approved recyclables – including cardboard – will be put in the cart creating a greater volume of materials. In addition, recycling will be collected every other week, instead of weekly collection.

For those who generate less trash, such as persons who live alone, don't fill their garbage container weekly or who, for physical reasons, may have difficulty rolling a larger bin to the curb, 48-gallon carts are available. Requests for the smaller cart must be received by March 30 to be included in the initial cart delivery. 96-gallon carts will be delivered to those who do not order by March 30.

If you prefer to receive a 48-gallon cart, please visit www.recycleandroll.com/cart-size and submit the on-line request form by March 30. If you don't have internet access, please call **Metro Waste Authority, (515) 323-6514, for more information.**

96-Gallon Cart Size*
Width: 29"
Length: 35"
Height: 43"
*standard size



48-Gallon Cart Size
Width: 23"
Length: 28"
Height: 37"

Frequently Asked Water Billing Questions



I paid on the 3rd of the month, why did I get a late fee?

Your payment must be received at City Hall, **or in the "drop box"** by 4:30pm on the 3rd of the month. The "drop box" is cleaned out at 4:30pm on the 3rd (note: if the 3rd of the month falls on a weekend or a holiday, the deadline time is then 10:30am on the next business day). Payments received after the deadline will be charged a late fee.

I paid on time, why is there an amount showing in the "penalty" box on the bill?

The amount printed in the "penalty" box is showing you the amount that will be added to your next month's bill, if it is not received by the aforementioned deadline.

What is an automatic draft?

This is the automatic deduction plan that the City of Altoona offers. The payment is deducted from your checking account on the 25th of each month. Any message on your water bill in regards to automatic draft **only applies to those who have signed up**. Call Deb at City Hall for details at 967-3180, ext 226, on how **you** can sign up for automatic draft and save \$5.00 off your next water bill!

FUEL SURCHARGE

The utility bill due on April 3, 2009 will no longer have the fuel surcharge listed for Artistic Waste Management.

WATER & SEWER RATE INCREASES FOR 2009

The City of Altoona approved water and sewer rate increases at the December 15, 2008, council meeting. The water rate increased from \$4.78 to \$5.18 per 1,000 gallons used. The sewer rate increased from \$4.73 to \$5.13 per 1,000 gallons used. These rates are affected by capital improvement projects for the City of Altoona.



Pick up for Compost It! items returns Monday, March 30th and Tuesday, March 31st. Compost It! bags are \$7.75 for a bundle of five. Compost It! stickers are \$1.00 each (40 pound limit per bag)

Brush Drop Off

1108 8th Street SW
(entrance to the Waste Water Plant)
Only the 1st Saturday of each month



Mark your calendar with these dates:
March 7* April 4 May 2

**The City hopes to have the brush pile opened in March but this is contingent on the weather and conditions of road leading to the brush pile. Thank you.*



700 1st Avenue S
 Altoona, IA 50009
 515-967-5132
 7:30am — 4:30pm
 515-967-5131
 after hours
 Fax 515-967-5133
 '911' Emergency

Intern News

The police department welcomes our newest intern, Tyler Spencer, a student majoring in Criminal Justice studies at Grandview University in Des Moines. He is also the treasurer of Grandview's criminal justice club and has been a member of the university's baseball team for 4 years. Tyler expects to graduate in April of this year.

Tyler will gain an insider's view of the daily workings of a public safety organization, as he tackles a variety of assignments. He will spend time with local investigators and will also ride along with patrol officers during their tours of duty.

Winter Parking Restrictions Continue



Unfortunately, March and April in Iowa can still bring snow and ice storms. Please remember that winter weather conditions require a change in everyone's driving and parking habits. Be sure to clear snow and ice from all

of your windows before you drive, give your engine time to warm up to help the defroster work properly, and allow extra time to slow down and stop at slippery intersections.

Also, please pay attention to weather forecasts. If you are going out of town when snow is possible, don't take a chance and leave a car in the street. It may be towed by the time you return. Don't leave your vehicle parked on the street before or during snow removal operations. Altoona officers will ticket or tow your vehicle if it is illegally parked when a snowfall of one-inch or more has fallen anywhere in the city. The parking ban **remains in effect for a period of 48 hours after a snow event has ended.**

The removal of snow is imperative to keep streets clear and accessible to normal traffic, as well as to allow for a safe and efficient response from emergency vehicles such as police car, ambulance or fire fighting equipment. Save yourself a headache and don't park your vehicle in violation of the snow ordinance.

Pay Your Fine On-Line

You may now pay your traffic citation on-line by going to www.iowacourtsonline.org and clicking on the On-Line Court Services tab. Follow the prompts and pay your fine using a credit card. Parking tickets are not included. Please **4** pay parking tickets at City Hall.



950 Venbury Drive
 Altoona, Iowa 50009
 515-967-2216 office
 515-967-7146 fax
 '911' Emergency

Fire/Safety Inspections

The Altoona Fire Department is performing Fire/Safety Inspections of all businesses and multi-residential housing (single, tandem, and apartments) for your safety and ours. In 2010, it will be mandatory that we start doing the Fire/Safety Inspection in multi-residential housing. We have decided to get started now.



This Fire/Safety Inspection is pretty simple, yet it can uncover many things. An example would be the exits. Are exit doors working properly? Are all lighted exits illuminated? Are the exits and aisles unobstructed? Another example is house keeping and storage. Is the trash disposed of in proper containers? Is the lint removed from dryers? Is there at least 18" of clearance between the sprinkler head and storage items? Do you have flammables in proper places and are high-pressure bottles chained up?

The most common safety issues we discover in an inspection tend to be fire and electrical hazards. Are the fire extinguishers unobstructed, checked, and inspected? Are extension cords being used properly? People often overlook these safety issues after they pass the initial fire/safety inspection. If the items pose an immediate danger, we will require you to fix the hazard immediately. Most other hazards will require correction within thirty days.

Welcome, Anthony!



Anthony Crabb grew up in Denison, Iowa, graduating from Denison High School. He went to AIB College of Business with a major in Information Technology. After graduation, he

moved to Johnston, where he joined the Johnston Fire Department and worked full time at Principal Life Insurance. In 2007 he obtained a job with Frazer Ambulance Service as an EMT- Basic and Dispatcher. He applied for and tested with the Altoona Fire Department for Paramedic / Firefighter and was awarded the position. Anthony began working for us in January. ***We look forward to working with Anthony!***

**WORK
ZONE**

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES BUILDING DEPARTMENT

**WORK
ZONE**

ALTOONA BUILDING DEPARTMENT

1504 8th Street SW

Building South of Altoona Campus

Telephone #: 515-967-5138

HOURS: 8:00am to 4:30pm

Monday - Friday



The Building Department reminds residents to take the time to call Iowa One Call to protect themselves before beginning work in yards or home improvement projects. This keeps homeowners safe physically and also,

fiscally. The owner is responsible for the cost of repair if a utility line is damaged and the homeowner never had the utility lines identified.

CLEAN STREAMS START WITH HEALTHY SOIL



Soil compaction and lack of soil organic matter is not only a sure death sentence to all plant life, but it has the potential to pollute our streams and rivers and harm the aquatic life too. The trouble starts when not enough nutrients or moisture is in the ground when your lawn needs it to green and grow.

Both challenges can be overcome with a little time and effort. There are five simple steps you can take to start mending your yard, beginning with the soil.

1. Re-open compacted ground through aeration, which mechanically creates voids in your yard by removing small plugs or soil cores.
2. Re-fill newly created soil voids with quality compost.
3. Re-seed with quality grass seed.
4. Rake for a good "seed to soil contact."
5. Water as needed and watch it thrive.

Information was provided through the Iowa Storm Water Education Program.



THOMAS MITCHELL PARK IMPROVEMENTS 2009-2011

Polk County Conservation would like to remind you that intense removal of vegetation from tile lines will continue through Spring at Thomas Mitchell Park, east of Altoona.

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



Don has been with the Altoona Water Department for 19 years. Don serves as the Assistant Superintendent and works in all aspects of water production and distribution. He holds a Grade 2 Water Treatment, Grade 3 Water Distribution and Grade 1 Wastewater license. Don

performs many duties for the Water Department including sample collection, daily water readings, plant maintenance and locates. Don is always willing to assist with any project and ensures the job is done right.

Don is married to Julie and they have two sons and two grandchildren that keep them busy. Congratulations Don!

TREES PLEASE! GRANT



The City of Altoona was awarded a \$2,000 Trees Please! Grant from MidAmerican Energy. Trees Please! funds are distributed to local communities each year in an effort to promote energy efficiency and improve the

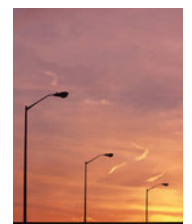
physical appearance in communities through the planting of trees. MidAmerican Energy offers many energy efficiency programs to communities, as well as residential and non-residential customers.

Trees improve energy efficiency by serving as natural windbreaks and providing shade to homes and businesses while beautifying parks, roadways and other common areas within the community. At the same time, planting trees improves air quality and helps protect and nourish the soil. The City of Altoona will be using the grant to plant additional trees along the Falcon Ridge trail and in the Falcon Ridge Park.

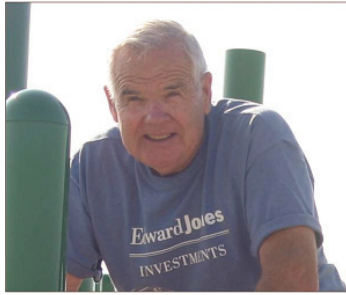
REPORT A STREET LIGHT OUT!

When reporting a streetlight that is damaged or burnt out, **please include the location.**

Call City Hall at 967-5136.



2008 Altoona Citizen of the Year



Larry O'Connor was awarded the 2008 Citizen of the Year Award at the Altoona Area Chamber's Annual Membership Awards Dinner held at Prairie Meadows on Saturday, January 31. Nominations are open to all members of the community.

and some of SEP Central Place services being located in one building. Now people can find the help they need all in one-location.

On behalf of the Chamber, congratulations to Larry O'Connor! We would also like to extend our congratulations to all of our award recipients, including Pizza Ranch for being recognized as Small Business of the Year. Nominations are sought from the public beginning in December each year. Watch the city newsletter and www.altoonachamber.org for more information.

A committee of past recipients votes on the nominations. The 2007 recipient was John Schaffner, who was on hand at the dinner to present Larry with the award.

The Chamber also gave a posthumous Citizen of the Year Award to Ken Sand. Ken was a former Superintendent of the SE Polk School District and served on the Library Board and the Polk County Aviation Authority. Ken passed away in 2008.

Larry, a life-long resident of Altoona, retired from Larry's Window Service in 2002. He saw the needs within our community continue to grow and believed it would be advantageous to have all community services located within one site. Countless hours of hard work resulted in the Christian Community Food Pantry, Clothes Hanger,

Altoona Chamber of Commerce
119 2nd St. SE
(515) 967-3366

Altoona Historical Society



Receives \$10,000 Grant from Prairie Meadows

The Altoona Area Historical Society has received a \$10,000 grant from Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino through its 2008 Community Betterment Grant Program. Members of the Society received the grant funds at a ceremony on February 19, 2009.

building was re-tuckpointed, the cornices were repaired, and the wood trim was repainted. The entire front of the building was waterproofed to protect it from further deterioration. Funds are being raised by donations and grants in order to complete the entire exterior. Total cost of the project will be nearly \$60,000.

If you are interested in helping to preserve the history of Altoona and the surrounding area, consider joining the Altoona Area Historical Society. Meetings are at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of every month, January through October, at the Historical Center. For more information, call Tim or Diane Burget at 967-4815.

Tim Burget, President of the Altoona Area

Historical Society, expressed appreciation for the grant. "We are extremely pleased to have received this funding from Prairie Meadows in 2009. These monies will help in the Society's efforts to restore and preserve the Altoona Area Historical Center."

Restoration work on the exterior of the Historical Center began in September 2008. The brick on the front of the

The goals of the Altoona Area Historical Society are to create an Altoona Area Historical Museum and to educate citizens about our local history.

MEMBERSHIP FORM... Thank you for your support!

Altoona Area Historical Society
1060 - 14th Street SE
Altoona, IA 50009
515-967-4815



_____	\$10.00	Individual Membership
_____	\$25.00	Family Membership
_____	\$30.00	Business Membership

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
E-Mail _____

Would you like to volunteer? _____ Signature _____

HOURS:

Mon – Fri.: 5:00 am – 10:00 pm
 Sat: 7:00 am – 7:00 pm
 Sun.: Noon - 7:00 pm
 1500 8th Street SW
 Altoona, IA 50009
 Phone: 515/967-0788
 Fax: 515/967-2446
www.altoonacampus.com

TUMBLING PROGRAMS

The tumbling program introduces children to movement, coordination, balance, and flexibility. Please pre-register at the Front Desk.

Session: April 6th – May 15th

FEE: Members \$30/Non-Members \$45

TUMBLING TOTS (Ages 2-3)

Mondays OR Wednesdays 5:30-6:00pm
 Fridays 10:00-10:30am

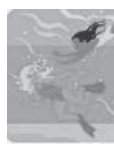
TUMBLING I (Ages 4-5)

Mondays OR Wednesdays 6:15-6:45pm
 Fridays 10:30-11:00am

ADVANCED TUMBLING (Ages 6+)

Mondays OR Wednesdays 7:00-7:30pm

INDOOR EVENING LESSONS



Indoor lessons are conducted in 30 minute sessions on Monday & Wednesday evenings for six weeks, between 5:00 and 7:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required, and will be conducted at Altoona Campus. Payment is due at registration, and registrations are not available via phone.

**SESSION I: Mar. 30th - May 6th
 REGISTRATION DATES & TIMES:**

Mon., March 9th, 16th, 23rd
 5:30pm - 7:30pm
 Wed., March 11th, 18th, 25th
 5:30pm – 7:30pm

FEES:

Members \$35* / Non-Members \$70

**The child enrolling in swim lessons must be an Altoona Campus member at the time of registration, to be eligible for the member discount.*

Tri-Events

SWIM ... BIKE ... RUN. All 3 disciplines will be conducted each session, but the length of time, and the intensity of each discipline, will vary. Pre-requisites for this program will be a 10min. SWIM ...30min. BIKE ... 20min. RUN Be prepared to be able to complete this on the first day. Register at the Pool Office. FEES: members - FREE/Non-members - \$40.00.

Session 1: (Mar. 7th – Mar. 28th) (4 wks.)

Saturdays, 7:00am – 8.15am

Session 2: (April 4th – May 2nd) (5 wks.)

Saturdays, 7:00am – 9:15am



CounterPunch Conditioning
Train like a fighter without the fight!

Classes are taught by Certified Advanced Boxing Fitness Trainer Justin Roberson and personal trainer Robin Sullivan and instructed so that each individual can obtain excellent results no matter what your current fitness levels.

Session – March 23rd - May 14th

5:15am-6:15am—Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:30am-10:30am—Monday, Wednesday, Friday

8:00pm-9:00pm—Monday, Wednesday, Thursday



Cost: \$150 for members/\$200 for nonmembers

*New participants must purchase gloves and wraps which are available at the front desk.

Fit Club (Ages 9+)

This 8-week exercise program is designed for students who want to learn the importance of healthy living through a variety of physical activities and games and healthy diet. Please pre-register at the Front Desk.

Session : April 7th - May 21st

Location: Youth Gym

Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30-7:30pm

FEE: Members \$50/Non-Members:\$75



GIRLS GROUP (Grades 6-8)



Join us for an 8-week wellness series specifically designed for middle-school girls. Small group discussions, exercise groups, and social activities will definitely keep us busy! Please pre-register at the Front Desk.(Max 10)

Session: April 7th - May 21st

Location: Youth Atrium

Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm

FEE: Members \$35/Non-Members \$50

Altoona Public Library

700 Eighth Street SW
Telephone #967-3881
www.altoona.lib.ia.us

HOURS:

Sunday: 2:00-5:30 p.m.
Mon – Thurs: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Fri – Sat: 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY HOURS:

April 12: Closed



THE BUNNY BOOK BASH

Hop, hop, hop into the library on Saturday, **April 11th** for the **Bunny Book Bash**. Children ages 2-10 are invited to come anytime between **9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** to enjoy an excellent morning of fun. There will be different story and craft stations throughout the library. Just follow the bunny trail aided by our mascots, the Easter Bunny and Maxwell the Mouse. After visiting the stations, children will receive a free book and a basket full of eggs and goodies as they leave. No registration is necessary. This fun literacy event for children is sponsored by the Altoona Kiwanis Club, the City of Altoona, the SE Polk Key Club, the SE Polk Builders Club, the TLC Youth and the Altoona Public Library.

LOCAL HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST

The Friends of the Library are sponsoring an essay contest for students in elementary grades, junior high and high school. Students are invited to showcase their writing ability by submitting an original essay that focuses on our local history and American Indian Heritage. A first prize of \$25.00 will be awarded for the best essays in three categories: grade school, middle school and high school. Second place winners in each category will receive a \$10.00 prize and third place winners in each category will receive a \$5.00 prize. Prizes will be awarded at the culmination of the Literacy Festival. Essays must be completed and turned in to the Altoona Public Library by April 25, 2009 to be eligible. Full contest rules are available at the library.



www.altoonapubliclibrary.net offers further information regarding these programs and all other library activities.



A LITERACY CELEBRATION

Join us as we take a trip into the past during our annual **Literacy Festival**, themed “**Our Early Literacy Heritage**,” on **Saturday, May 16th**, from **9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** American Indian, Ralph Moisa Jr. will present a program complete with Indian drum songs, an explanation of Indian ceremony regalia and a show and tell about American Indian artifacts. Laugh yourself silly during “**Mime, Masks and Magic**,” a crazy concert of comedy, special effects and lively audience participation performed by Fax Gilbert. Enjoy the forgotten tale of American conquest and Native survival during the presentation of the movie, “**Lost Nation: The Ioway**.” The film details traditional Ioway ways of life and their association with the Oneota culture.



Make sure to check out the “**Artifacts Roadshow**,” put on by the Altoona Historical Society to learn about the early life and times of Altoona, and bring your artifacts to share to find out about their heritage. Local poets will also be on hand to discuss the rich heritage of Iowa poetry. There will be on-going games and crafts including a chance to make an Indian headband, play the parachute game, and win prizes at the Fishing Pond, Ring Toss and Bean Bag Toss. There will be eye screenings by the Lion’s Club and a book sale or swap with hundreds of gently used books for trade or purchase. So mark your calendars for May 16th and join us as we honor our local heritage and promote literacy throughout the community. This is an event you won’t want to miss.

MAGIC: TEEN GAME DAY



Teens, come show off your gaming skills during our **MAGIC: The Gathering Tournament** on Saturday, March 14th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Game packs will be available at the library, or you can bring your own decks if you wish. Snacks and beverages will be provided and prizes will be distributed, including 16 starter game packs. Check out our website at www.altoona.lib.ia.us or stop by the library to find out more information about the program or to pre-register. So take a break from your studies and challenge all your friends to a great game of Magic.

Service Organizations

Following is a list of Altoona area service organizations, contact names and phone numbers.

Altoona BAM BAM League	Amber Pedersen	967-5575
Altoona Campus Basketball-Boys and Girls	Altoona Campus	967-0788
Altoona Campus Flag Football	Altoona Campus	967-0788
Altoona Co-ed Softball	Bill Sowder	967-4966
Altoona Elementary PTA	Deb DeDecker	967-6893
Altoona Fire Fighters Association	Pete Medina	515-480-4408
Altoona Girls Softball	Joe Carter	967-5737
Altoona Hustling Herdsmen 4-H Club	Rob & Barb Timmins	967-4141
Altoona Little League	Dave Underwood	967-9152
Altoona Men's Commercial Softball	Bill Sowder	967-4966
Altoona Men's Rec Softball	Bill Sowder	967-4966
Altoona Order of Eastern Star	Helen Blaney	967-2321
Altoona Youth Soccer Association	Joe White	967-9269
Altoona Swim Club	Altoona Campus	967-0788
Altoona T-Ball	Ryan Roberts	957-0758
Altoona Triathlon Club	Jason Bernstein	202-9501
American Legion	Lenny Shaw	967-4625
American Legion Auxiliary	Linda Shaw	967-4625
Boy Scouts #63	Doug Watson	967-7727
Boy Scouts Troop #563	Al Rutten	263-1197
Centennial Elementary PTA	Angie Caswell	967-9400
Clay Elementary PTA	Jenny Waltz	967-7373
Cub Scouts Pack #383	Lorie Ruffcorn	967-7302
Cub Scouts Pack #463	Rick Peake	975-1396
DECA (SEP)	Carol Von Tersch	967-6631 x2129
Delaware Elementary PTO	Angela Boggs	262-8980
Demolay	Jim Roske	967-4649
Eastern Polk Quilters Guild	Jane Hummel	262-5361
FFA (SEP)	Matt Eddy	967-6631 x2053
French Club (SEP)	Michele Raasch	967-6632 x2086
Girl Scouts	Chris Lynn	967-3225
Golden Agers of Altoona	Maxine Albright	967-5375
Heartland Singers	Dawn Hutchison	266-1189
Interact Club (SEP Affiliate of Rotary)	Nate Ballagh	967-6631 x2037
KEY Club (SEP Affiliate of Kiwanis)	Danielle Heefsner	967-5509 x2120
King David Masonic Lodge	Everett Mauch	967-4796
Kiwanis Club	Allon Cady	967-4213
Knights of Columbus Council 13109	Thomas Brandt	491-4006
Leo Club (SEP affiliate with Lions)	John Jones	967-6631 x2077
Lions Club	Barb McGrean	967-7283
Little Rams Wrestling	Todd Meyer	265-5148/222-1911
MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)	Laurel Marshall	967-5894
Olde Town Altoona Business	Mike Vincent	967-0489
P.R.I.D.E. (SEP Rhythmettes)	Michelle Smith	967-8286
Parents Anonymous	Leslie Kran	255-9490
Polk County Master Gardeners	Paula Winslow	967-3409
RAMS Juniors Volleyball Club (SEP)	Jim Sixta	979-0627
Rotary Club of East Polk County	Marti Kline	967-5881
SEP Athletic Boosters	Mark Vance	967-5754
SEP Music Boosters/Band	Paul Hike	262-0327
SEP Music Boosters / Vocal	Rhonda Brandenburg	778-5084
SEP Builders Clup	Angie Wilson	967-5509
SEP Post-Prom Committee	Laura Armantrout	967-1742
SEP Youth Tackle Football	Jamie Sargent	967-2545
Solos (widows)	Linda Larson	967-3378
Spanish Club (SEP)	Karla Jensen	967-6631
TLC (SEP)	Cathy Beck-Cross	967-7806
TOPS Club, Inc	Norma Holcomb	262-2600
VICA (SEP) SKILLS USA	Phil Cronin	967-6631 x2048
Willowbrook Elementary PTA	Melanie Bates	537-4896
Za-Ga-Zig Shrine	Jim May	967-3000

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Timothy J. Burget

Council Persons:
Skip Conkling
Gerald Nolin
Joe Riding
Michelle Sloan
Stacey Warren

City Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Additional meetings are scheduled as necessary.

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City Clerk	Randy Pierce	967-5136
Fire Chief	Jerry Whetstone	967-2216
Library Director	Dan Bakke	967-3881
Community Services Dir	Vern Willey	967-5136
Water Billing	Deb Curry	967-5136
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Code Enforcement	Susi Hoots	967-5138
Building Official	Jeff Harden	967-5138
Planning Questions	John Shaw	967-5136

Utilities Superintendent	Karen Oppelt	967-5136
Water Supervisor	Doug Jones	967-2454
Wastewater Supervisor	Jim Utter	967-4464

Public Works Superintendent	Aaron Putnam	967-5136
Streets Supervisor	Rob Taylor	967-2734
Parks Supervisor	Tim Van Wyk	967-5203

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Anne Lohmeier, Vice Chair Scott Henry
Dennis Armantrout Dan Narber
Jeda Blanchard

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(Meets the 4th Wednesday of each month)

Howard Johnson, Chairperson
Paula Smith, Vice Chair
Rod Marvin Madonna Warren
Phyllis Murphy Paula Winslow
Jill Pudenz

Library Board

(Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month)

Diane Burget, President Adam Kline
Evelyn Cole, Vice-President Byron Orton
Marc Hesner

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